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SUBJECT: UPCOMING EC ISSUES

1. IN BRIEF TOUR D'HORIZON WITH FRANS ITALIANER (NEWLY PROMOTED MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION, REPLACING HARTOGH) ECON COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR REHEARSED US VIEWS ON ART. XXIV:6 (STATE 193445) AND SOYBEAN CAP (STATE 194296) BOTH OF WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN RAISED WITH MIN ECON AND MINAG RESPECTIVELY (SEE HAGUE 4371 AND 4379). ITALIANER HAD NOTHING TO SAY ON SOYBEANS BUT WITH REGARD TO 24:6 HE AGREED THAT TIME HAD COME FOR US TO RESUME

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CAREFUL PRESSURE ON EC TO GET EARLY SOLUTION. HE NOTED THAT

WHILE PERMREPS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH SATISFACTORY OFFER IN TIME FOR OCT 15 COUNCIL MEETING, THERE IS A LATER MEETING ON NOV 5 WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY PRE-DATE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF TRADE BILL.

2. ON BROADER FRONT, ITALIANER EXPRESSED A CONSIDERABLE PESSIMISM THAT EC COULD MEET ITS 1972 SUMMIT DEADLINES ON SUCH DISPARATE ISSUES AS EMU, CHANGES IN CAP, REGIONAL POLICY, ETC. WHILE FRENCH CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT THESE DEADLINES BE MET, ITALIANER NOTED THAT IT IS INTRANSIGENCE OF FRENCH, AS WELL AS SOME OTHER MEMBERS, WHICH MAKES AGREEMENT DIFFICULT. ITALIANER SUGGESTED THAT ANSWER MAY LIE IN SOME KIND OF BROAD PACKAGE DEAL IN WHICH CONFLICTING NATIONAL OBJECTIVES ARE BALANCED OFF IN SIMULTANEOUS AGREEMENT ON TWO OR MORE ISSUES.

3. ITALIANER THOUGHT FEDEYEV APPROACH ON BEHALF OF COMECON HAD BEEN APPROPRIATELY HANDLED BY PUTTING MATTER "UNDER STUDY" AND REFERRING COMECON TO COMMISSION FOR ANY SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THAT DUTCH FEEL STRONGLY NEED FOR CONTINUED BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUAL COMECON COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION HE COMMENTED THAT ROMANIA WILL GET MUCH LESS THAN SHE MAY EXPECT FROM INCLUSION IN EC GSP AND THAT BULGARIA (EC BRUSSELS 5643) WILL BE INCLUDED AS FAR AS DUTCH ARE CONCERNED ONLY IF SHE MAKES DIRECT APPROACH TO COMMISSION FOLLOWING ROMANIA'S EXAMPLE. HE SPECULATED IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR EC TO CONSIDER SOME KIND OF "2-TIER" GSP SYSTEM SO THAT LEAST DEVELOPED WILL CONTINUE TO GET MOST FAVORABLE TREATMENT.
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